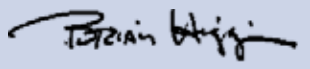


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“Homeland Security isn’t just something that politicians talk about on the Sunday morning news shows...it’s about real life situations affecting people in local neighborhoods. Local first responders put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe, and the federal government has a responsibility to help.” – Congressman Brian Higgins



“In less than 2 years, Congressman Brian Higgins has worked with local leaders to secure nearly \$650,000 in federal funding to help fire agencies purchase necessary firefighting and lifesaving equipment for use in our communities. The

Congressman’s Fire Grant Training Program teaches local fire companies how to apply for and receive federal funds and to put those dollars to work here in Chautauqua County.”

– Chief Joseph D. Meyer, Dunkirk Fire Department

Jamestown Post Journal February 23, 2006

Higgins Wants Companies In 27th District To Receive The Most Funds

Dunkirk Observer November 30, 2005

Higgins Wants More Funds To Help Area Police Agencies

## INVESTING IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES:

- To enhance communication among police, fire and emergency services personnel, Congressman Higgins worked with local officials such as Chautauqua County Sheriff Joe Gerace to secure inclusion of \$250,000 in Justice Department funding for new communications equipment for the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office.
- Working with local leaders, including Dunkirk Mayor Richard Frey, Congressman Higgins secured the relocation of a video phone to Dunkirk Harbor to ensure that harbormasters can easily identify incoming vessels.



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Congressman Higgins and Mayor Frey announce Homeland Security relocation of video phone.

## CONTINUE WORKING WITH LOCAL LEADERS:

- Congressman Higgins meets regularly with county, city and town officials, law enforcement personnel and first responders in Chautauqua County to assess their needs.
- Congressman Higgins has hosted training workshops to assist local fire companies in the process of applying for and receiving federal aid for equipment, training and other needs.

Want to learn more about emergency services in local communities, or do you want to become a volunteer firefighter or EMT? Chautauqua County has important information about emergency management and training programs. You can contact the county’s Office of Emergency Management at (716) 985-4863 or online at [www.chautcofire.org](http://www.chautcofire.org).